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regularly scheduled programming will not be seen so that we may bring you this special presentation from nbc news the astrodome houston texas site of the 1992 republican national convention texans like to call the astrodome the eighth wonder of the world president george bush says his re-election will be the ninth wonder [Music] from nbc news decision 92 the republican national convention here is tom brokaw [Music] good evening once again from the astrodome where the republicans now have their family reunion in a second day and it all seems to be going quite well for them so far no major food fights all members of the family have had something to say however disparate their points of view but of course everyone is waiting for the patriarch george bush to appear here on thursday night with what he promises will be a new plan for reinvesting the trust fund expectations are running very high for george bush and his speech the question is are they running too high john chancellor i think they're running very high and you can imagine with 48 hours to go what the scene is over there the president has a new speechwriter 32 years old he hired only last month a staff of six everybody in the world calling saying mr president put this in mr president put that in cut taxes cut spending and the clock is

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taxes cut spending and the clock is ticking i think this is a bad way to run it but it's the way things work out in politics that speech is likely to have to be the ninth wonder of the world if it's going to meet everybody's hopes we'll have uh two major speeches here this evening the keynoter is phil graham he is the republican senator from texas former democrat in the house of representatives and jack kemp the former quarterback who is now secretary of housing a man who gets mixed reviews in the administration his conservative credentials are an absolutely very good order he's given to lecturing the president on economics and jack kemp more than any other senior member of this administration has very strong ties to the other people in this country especially in the inner cities that is he reaches well beyond what are traditionally called the boundaries of the republican party as for george bush himself he comes to this convention as one of the republicans put it without his old offensive line he no longer has roger ailes full time john sununu no longer around and the late the atwater we'll be back with more on all of this from the astrodome right after this decision 92 the republican national convention is being sponsored in part by ford and your ford dealer have you driven a ford lately it's more than a question it's an answer when redesigning the ford taurus wagon we gave it the kind of shape that holds your attention available anti-lock brakes that hold on slick roads and a newly restyled instrument panel that holds more than convenient controls available dual airbags a ford motor company exclusive in this class because we know ford taurus wagon will also be holding you have you either you give your customers reliable service or somebody else will we chose a t because our 800 service is our front door if it shuts down we shut down att has the most reliable

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we shut down att has the most reliable 800 service it's guaranteed by the 800 insurance policy and it's designed so that more calls get through to us a single 800 call could be worth thousands of dollars when you consider that every call is a customer why would you want anything less than a t at t 800 service because every call is a customer oh great just what my stomach needs here comes my obnoxious boss [Music] hi daddy better make it mailox because for moments like this nothing mylanta makes neutralizes as much stomach acid as extra strength may locks plus so why take anything else we were just talking about yeah nice i hope my mother's here too great nobody knows your stomach better so you better make it maylox [Music] however else these republican operatives may feel about bill clinton and his campaign organization they do have to admire their organization the democrats this time have learned very well the lessons of the republicans in the past they're all over the place responding to every race slight against them ron brown the democratic national chairman is here in houston and tonight he issued a statement saying listening to lectures from phil graham newt gingrich and jack camp about economics is like sitting still for a lesson in tax compliance from leona helmsley the self-styled hotel queen who is now in a federal penitentiary on the floor of the convention hall right now is nbc's maria shriver with the two republican candidates for the united states senate from california this year seymour and mr herschensen who are running against barbara boxer and of course dianne feinstein thank you very much tom that they are and both of you president bush is trailing very badly in the polls in your state many have even suggested that the bush campaign right off the stage how far do you have to distance yourself from the president order to win

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yourself from the president order to win i don't think it's necessary distance ourselves from the president at all the president even in national polls uh shows to be about 17 percentage points behind and we forget that in 1988 president bush was 17 points behind michael dukakis and he beat him by 10. that's a 27-point turnaround so even in california i think it's possible to turn around but he's got to come out hard he's got to come out fast right out of the blocks like a jet aircraft and not stop will you court president bush do you want him to come to california campaign for you of course oh sure i do and it's odd to me you know a lot of the people say gee you have to distance yourself from president bush they're the first ones to say hey he's coming into town do you think you can get a picture of him and me together there you know there is a tremendous aura about president bush and i'd be proud to have him by my side both of you are campaigning in the year that is called the year of the women you're campaigning against two very visible women how difficult has that been for you to compete against that well you know there's much talk about this gender factor and and when i what i find when i talk to women in california is they feel that they're beginning to have their intelligence insulted that they would cast their vote based solely on gender that's as silly as me saying you're a white caucasian male and you ought to vote for john seymour they're going to cast their votes as they always have based upon where the candidates stand on the issues but voters do see women as agents of change and they're asking for change they don't see you know i gotta tell you when you say something like that to me that's sexist and it's prejudiced and it's biased i don't care about anyone in politics gender i care about what they have in their head i care about what they think about issues and policies why do you repeat phrases maria that are really sexist in nature research thank you very much from the floor back to you tom a wise move on your part maria bruce herschensen by the way was a conservative commentator on local

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was a conservative commentator on local television in los angeles before that he served as a speechwriter in the nixon white house and before that he worked for the usia and he was the man who made one of the most memorable films about the kennedy era it was called years of whitening day of drums and then he announced to his colleagues and workers that in fact he disagreed with a good deal of the political philosophy of john kennedy and went to work for richard nixon on the floor of this convention hall is nbc's tim russert moderator of meet the press washington bureau chief and he's got something for us on what we can

expect from jack kemp tonight tim tom jack kemp's going to try very hard to distinguish himself from the speech of pat buchanan last night i spoke with secretary kemp earlier today and he was very direct about pappy kennedy said that's not the kind of speech i want to give i want to talk about the politics of hope not the politics of hate and i went further i asked what about mr buchanan's comments about los angeles he said the answer to the problems of urban areas and los angeles particularly is not more federal troops it's giving people an interest and opportunity in the economy and lastly tom i asked mr kemp just what he hoped to accomplish tonight and he said i want to represent the republican party of abraham lincoln the politics of inclusion do you think that this is the beginning of jack kemp running for president in 1996 among other things sam absolutely tom one of his aides said to me we're going to show the conservatives can have a smile not conservatism with a snarl he recognized that pat buchanan tried very hard to carve out a niche with the right wing last night jack kemp's going to say we have to be bigger than that we have to be broader than that and tonight you're going to see jack kent try very very hard to to to do just that one other thing tom you mentioned earlier jack kemp's relationship with the administration he's in the doghouse for his comments this weekend urging president bush to be very specific about a tax cut on thursday night the bush people said jack one more time and you may have to say goodbye well as i said earlier as well uh jack kemp said to the white house at one point she thought he might as well go to vail during the course of the republican

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during the course of the republican convention there didn't seem to be a place for him and they very quickly scrambled and found this prime time place form tonight and they are staying on schedule so they can get camped on prime time television along with phil graham john chancellor he'll be a formidable candidate in 1996 in this place i think he will and i think there is also the los angeles riots brought jack kemp back into the president's line of sight and we have to remember that that the white house felt very upset by what by the reaction to the riots it was bad politics for them they brought mr camp up forward fast jack kemp belongs to a small select circle of great quarterbacks in america he had hoped to have introducing him tonight jc watts who is the former quarterback of the university of oklahoma now a black elected official statewide in that state they found another place on the agenda and program for mr watts here so jack can't manage to settle for just another quarterback he's at the podium now and i think in the state of texas we ought to listen to him even though he wasn't an oiler he was one of the great cowboys of all time this is roger strawberry quarterback's leadership and perseverance to our party and our nation you know martin luther king once said you know you must be aggressive like a serpent but tender like a dove you know you need a tough mind and a soft heart jack kemp has that balance he is tough but he truly cares i've been proud to call the wonderful family kemp his wife joanne his children jeff jennifer judith and jimmy my friends since my days with the dallas cowboys and by the way and by the way the cowboys are coming back ladies and gentlemen ladies and gentlemen it is my honor and my privilege and my pleasure to introduce to you one of the most inspiring and tiredest leaders in our party today my friend jack kemp

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roger strawback is the godfather of one of jack kemp's sons [Music] oh thank you very much thank you [Music] thank you roger staubach [Applause] thank you roger staubach it's an honor to be introduced by a fellow quarterback and an nfl hall of famer and hopefully soon we can call you governor staubach or senator staubach from the great state of texas fellow republicans fellow americans tonight america stands at the doorway of breathtaking opportunity on the eve of a new century and a new millennium as ronald reagan reminded us last night history is on the side of freedom it's on the side of those liberal democratic ideals which gave birth to our nation and inspired the most revolutionary words the world has ever heard listen we hold these truths to be

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we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal endowed by our creator with inalienable rights among which our life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness tonight tonight these ideas of liberal democracy and individual freedom entrepreneurial capitalism are on the march in winning throughout the whole world just think one year ago reactionary forces in moscow tried to roll back this democratic revolution and they failed since then boris yeltsin has become russia's first democratically elected president in over a thousand years the statues of marx and lennon were toppled by the people in red square the hammer and sickle came down from atop the kremlin providentially on christmas day of last year [Applause] today mikhail gorbachev is a syndicated columnist for the new york times and believe it or not we find the mayors of saint petersburg in moscow to the right of the mayors of new york city in boston several months ago several months ago i had lunch with the former mayor of moscow i asked him how he got elected he said mr kemp i told all the people in state-owned housing that they should have the right to own their own home i told

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the right to own their own home i told them they should have the right to sell them for a profit and leave their property to their children and then the mayor of moscow said i pledged to make downtown moscow a free enterprise zone i said mr mayor i said mr mayor where did you get these radical ideas he said mr kemp i got them from the 1980 republican platform of ronald reagan and george bush ladies and gentlemen [Applause] communism didn't fall it was pushed it was our ideas that did the pushing and our republican presidents ronald reagan and george bush that helped change the world now we must change america our goals for this nation must be nothing less than to double the size of our economy and bring prosperity and jobs ownership and equality of opportunity to all americans especially those living in our nation's pockets of poverty think of what that growth would mean more jobs a higher living standard for the people extraordinary opportunities for all americans and the resources to meet our most ambitious goals public and private but make no mistake if we're to change america we must change the united states congress

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we must give president bush [Applause] ladies and gentlemen [Applause] you bet clean it out we need a republican congress we need to give we need to give president bush and vice president quayle a republican congress to help get america moving again and finally wage a winning war against poverty and despair my friends [Applause] the purpose of a great party is not to defeat its opponents the purpose of a great party is to provide superior leadership and greater cause it's not to denounce the past it's to inspire our nation to a better future this great cause is the same today as it was when our party was founded listen to the words of our founder abraham lincoln he said the progress by which the poor honest industrious and resolute man raises himself is that he may work on his own account and hire someone else this he said is the great principle for which this government was really formed you see lincoln believed that in this country capitalism must grow from the bottom up not the top down it must begin on main street and extend to wall street not the other way around

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this has a special meaning to me [Applause] as a young boy growing up in los angeles this was my experience you see my father was a truck driver he earned enough to buy the truck and eventually he and his brother built a small business that put six children through college this is the kind of capitalism we envisioned for america the freedom not just to drive a truck but the chance to own the truck and one day to own a trucking company own a home and see your children go to college this is america this is the dream and this is the cause our party must champion in the 1990s my friends my friends we don't believe we don't believe in america that pursues equality by trying to make rich people poor but an equality that allows poor people indeed all people to become rich not just rich in creature comforts but rich in terms of opportunity to achieve your god-given potential the party of lincoln does not believe people are a drain on resources we

believe people are our resources we don't believe that children we don't believe that children are just mouths to feed their hearts and minds and souls for our future and they deserve our protection after their birth as they do before

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birth as they do before their birth we don't believe that compassion should be measured by the size of the safety net compassion in america must be measured by the number of rungs on the ladder of opportunity upon which all people can climb this is what distinguishes our party from the democrats the democrats new covenant is not new it's not change it doesn't put people first it puts the government first it doesn't empower people it empowers bureaucracy it doesn't encourage investment and growth it just spends and spends and spends mario cuomo mario cuomo gave away the democrats game plan now wait a minute he gave away the democrats game plan just before their convention when he told us that governor clinton has the courage to raise our taxes the democrats call that courage i call it crazy in this economy can you imagine anything more depressing and more destructive than raising income tax rates and imposing a surtax on the american people the democrats plan won't soak the rich it'll just soak the poor the middle class and it'll drown our economy we all know what the problem is in america the economy is starved for capital when capital is taxed heavily as it is now it becomes scarce available only to the privileged few the spirit of enterprise and the engine of growth and new jobs is being smothered george bush and our party understood

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george bush and our party understood this back in 1988 when we ran on a pledge to cut the capital gain tax index it to stop taxing gains that are due only to inflation and eliminate the capital gain tax in our inner city pockets of poverty in 1989 president bush asked the congress to carry out his mandate and the democratic congress said no 1990 and 91 as the economy moved into recession he asked repeatedly for action congress said no this year in the president's state of the union address once again he pleaded with congress again congress said no then just last week in a strict party line vote the united states senate said no again and tragically even after even after the problems of los angeles when we begged and asked the democratic leadership to pass enterprise zone legislation that our party has championed for 12 years congress adjourned ladies and gentlemen isn't it time we said no to the democratic congress what nerve they have these democrats the unemployment lines lengthened to 11 million and they stonewalled the president's pleas for action and then they blame the president blame our party for the economic decline what nerve they have to now step forward and offer more taxation more government more welfare dependency

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welfare dependency and then they proclaim get this a new democratic covenant well let me tell you as president bush's hud secretary i've traveled throughout this country i found capital and credit are virtually non-existent in our nation's inner cities and i've seen the results and they're devastating for 50 years the democratic party has dictated most of the policies that govern our cities higher taxes redistribution of wealth and a welfare system that penalizes people for working discourages marriage punishes the family and literally believe it or not prohibits poor people to save ladies and gentlemen it's not the values of the poor that are flawed it's the values of the welfare system that are bankrupt these policies have robbed our cities of vibrance shattered the link between effort and reward and now and now the democrats want to impose the same failed policies on the rest of america what nerve our party offers a better way last year i had the opportunity to tour the home of a wonderful black woman named evelyn lindsey after years in public housing and on welfare thanks to this administration's public private partnerships she finally became a homeowner after the tour was over one skeptical reporter asked her evelyn lindsay how can you guarantee that this house will look as good 10 years from today as it does this day evelyn lindsay looked that reporter in the eye and said to him it'll look better

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and said to him it'll look better because for the first time in my life i own something of value that i can pass on to my children well ladies and gentlemen she spoke not only for her family but for all families tonight let us speak for her and for all those americans who aspire to ownership and entrepreneurship to jobs and upward mobility to safety and security and to the right to send their children to the school of their choice be it public or private president bush president bush was speaking for her when he told the public housing residents at cochrane gardens in saint louis last year that someday they too could own their own homes he was speaking for them when he told a cheering crowd that the capital gained tax is not a tax on the rich its a tax on the american dream he pledged that the system's not helping to build a better life then we must change the system and we will and we must i loved i loved hearing ronald reagan last night i loved hearing president reagan remind us last night that it's not enough to be equal in the eyes of god we want an america in which we are equal in the eyes of each other our party offers a more powerful vision of america an america committed to prosperity and

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an america committed to prosperity and equality of opportunity to jobs for all our people we must be the party that unleashes the talents of every single american boy and girl and every child of god that's why i'm so proud of our president's platform it puts our party on the side of lower tax rates on working families lower tax rates on the formation of capital lower tax rates on the first time home buyer and lower tax rates on poor americans who want their shot at the american dream we must give it to him my fellow americans the liberal democrats just don't get it they don't understand that you can't create more employees without first creating more employers that you can't have capitalism without capital and we can't expect people to defend property rights when they're denied access to property but when people have a stake in the system they'll not only defend their own property they'll help their neighbor defend his property as well you see this is the message of los angeles this is the mess this is the message of every other pocket of poverty in america we must be the party that gives all people a stake in the system and a stake in each other that's what the re-election of george bush means to america we have the ideas we're on the side of history and we must bring alive the promise of the declaration of independence to all people everywhere ladies and gentlemen this is a great cause we've got a great

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this is a great cause we've got a great team and let me say it as an old football player who played in this very stadium we've got a great quarterback in george bush and mr president [Applause] and mr president [Applause] give them hell thursday night a man who would be the first choice of these delegates by an overwhelming majority to be the vice presidential candidate if dan crow were not on the ticket also the first choice for their presidential candidate in 1996. we'll be back at the astrodome right after this [Applause] [Music] for the fergusons just going to the store can be quite an adventure [Music]

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[Music] the incredibly civilized ford explorer the overwhelming choice of explorers everywhere the time morning i'd like to wake up to this cop anymore the place the five-star arizona biltmore the aroma is wonderfully enticing the coffee not the restaurant's usual fresh brewed today it's been secretly switched to folger's crystals it would help wake us up i'm amazed actually i'm overwhelmed this would start my day off great mountain grown folger's crystals coffee rich enough to be served in america's finest restaurants i'll drink to that it's domino's pepperoni passion now get irresistible pepperoni pizza deal starting at 6.99 yes 6.99 call for domino's better than ever pizza with more cheese tender tastier crust and lots of pepperoni nobody knows like dominoes domino's pepperoni passion deal starting at 6.99 oh hi you guys jay leno here we're going to be on tonight right after the republican convention yes we will i promise this time with new jokes about all the stuff you just saw i'm writing right now here's here's the pen also joining us sir mclennan

will be here shirley horn kevin campbell and clinton gore the real one yes right here tonight on the tonight show and a whole bunch of jokes about all the stuff you just heard about excuse me i gotta get back to writing

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i [Music] we're back at the astrodome the 1992 republican national convention awaiting the keynote speech of phil graham on the floor right now as nbc's lisa myers with the republican senator from the state of new york in a re-election campaign alfonso's motto lisa thank you tom senator damato faces one of the toughest reel election battles of anyone in the senate you recently suggested that dan quayle should get off the ticket you publicly suggested that perhaps the president wouldn't run for re-election you later apologized you clearly were concerned that this the top of the ticket was going to hurt your own reelection are you as concerned today let me say this here number one put it in perspective i did not say dan quayle should get off the ticket nor did i suggest the president wasn't going to run but i did say that there are certain things that the campaign could do to put forth the president in a much stronger manner and i apologize to the president both privately and publicly for creating any impression like that now let me say this yeah i support him and he's going to win we can carry new york and i think ronald reagan set the stage he kind of he kind of set the table and now it's up to the president bush to deliver the message and deliver the goods come thursday and i think he can do it this is a far different republican party today as a result of the message that ronald reagan gave it was one of hope of opportunity he crystallized things and said look where we were and look where we've come and the best is yet to be so i feel good about it but let's be candid senator you uh you on a number of occasions have had george bush come up and raise money for you and then the white house complains that you criticize him before he even gets out of town some of the little minions over there will be critical but the fact is i have always been strongly supportive of the president and i want to tell you this that that he

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and i want to tell you this that that he can and will win this race that doesn't mean that i'm happy with with everybody on his team i think jack kemp should have been a better part of that team thank you very much senator who says he knows senator motto who no longer is worried about the top of the ticket tom thank you lisa myers alphonse d'amato sometimes called the fonz we'll be back with phil graham right after this decision 92 the republican national convention is being sponsored in part by ford and your ford dealer have you driven a ford lately it's more than a question it's an answer in our universe there was always the unknown the unpredictable all we can do is prepare for it att is now installing faststar it can detect a cable cut instantly so 800 calls can get back in minutes instead of hours we can send flowers for any occasion anywhere but only if our 800 service is up and running our 800 service isn't just a phone line it's a lifeline i miss you at t has the most reliable 800 service period at t call us this toilet may look clean but under the rim our grungies ordinary cleaners can't always reach introducing new toilet duct the thick liquid toilet bowl cleaner preferred three to one over the leading brand toilet ducts unique duck neck and thick powerful formula reach up under the rim to leave your whole bowl clean and sanitary right down to the grungies new toilet duck nothing fights dirt like duck for messy johnson wax do you get diarrhea too yes i do get diarrhea and what i take is kaopectate i have no time to be sick k.o pectate stops the symptoms fast it gets rid of the diarrhea ko pectate works every time why centrum silver because you're over 50 and you're just hitting your stride centrum silver vitamins because the latest scientific research about changing nutritional needs after 50 is built in centrum silver it's a great

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is built in centrum silver it's a great time to be silver so you really think some things in your life are still private [Music] you miss this issue of time didn't you if it's important to you you'll find it in time we'll accept it republican national convention at the podium keynote speaker senator phil graham of texas and as you've

guessed the stamp failed the field test the problem was that the stamps weren't sticking to the envelopes and they looked into it and they found that the democrats were spitting on the wrong side never in history has a world experienced more dramatic changes in a shorter period of time than during the last four years the

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than during the last four years the berlin wall has come down eastern europe has been liberated the soviet union the evil empire that threatened our lives and our freedom for 45 years exists today only in the pages of history books a hundred a hundred and thirty-two nations united behind our leadership to crush a tyrant in the middle east and america stands today in triumph with more economic and military power than any nation in the history of the world none of these things happen by accident they are all the result of strong republican leadership and two men more than any other people on the planet have been the catalyst for these changes and their names are ronald reagan and george bush when you count up when you count up the number of nations when you count up the number of nations liberated from soviet tyranny when you total up the population freed from the marxist yoke when you add up the puppet despots who support from moscow has now been yanked away ours is the greatest victory in the history of freedom

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it was ronald reagan who put the kremlin in the crosshairs it was george bush who pulled the trigger if jimmy carter if jimmy carter had been reelected in 1980 if walter mondale had won in 1984 if michael dukakis had been elected president in 1988 the berlin wall would still be standing today and all we marvel at in the world would be a wishful dream leadership is the difference it has changed the world it has brought us more than peace george bush's leadership has brought us victory with this victory secure president bush instituted a long-term bill down in defense saving 300 billion dollars for deficit reduction and tax cuts for working families but governor clinton and the democrats don't want to build down defense they want to tear it down if they succeed in implementing the clinton plan one million people now in uniform and civilian defense jobs will be thrown into the streets and defense

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and defense as a percentage of the budget will plunge below the level that existed on december 7 of 1941. we have not forgotten that the last democrat in the white house so decimated defense that on any given day 50 of our planes couldn't fly and our ships couldn't sail because we didn't have spare parts and mechanics so bad was pay for the military that many enlisted personnel and their families qualified for food stamps under republican leadership we changed all that we modernized our weapons and we recruited and have retained the finest young men and women who have ever worn the uniform of this country and they wear that uniform all over the world tonight with a new pride and a new confidence and we republicans are committed to keeping it that way we must never we must never allow the democrats to disarm america again there are tyrants in the world and there will be tyrants in the future and when reason and diplomacy fail we must have an army and a navy and an air force and a marine corps that do not fail

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even in a world where the line and the lamb are about to lie down together we republicans are committed to the principle that the united states of america must always be the line the constitution gives the president broad unilateral powers in defense in foreign policy and in watching george bush exercise those powers the world has stood back in wonder in any hut in any village on the planet one world leader is loved honored and admired above all others spoken in a thousand dialects his name is still george bush when crisis erupted in the middle east the president united the world behind his leadership he got the support of the soviet union he got a resolution from the u.n he received the endorsement of every civilized nation on the face of the earth and then he went to congress and said let america speak with one bipartisan voice in the middle east and

every elected member of the democratic leadership in the house and in the senate said no we ultimately shamed enough democrats into supporting the president but using his constitutional powers the president could have and would have

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the president could have and would have acted without the support of congress but the constitution makes the president commander-in-chief of the army not commander-in-chief of the congress and all domestic programs proposed by the president must be approved by congress and democrats who control congress by overwhelming margins have used their majority to throttle the president's program and to strangle the nation's economy in a partisan gridlock the likes of which we have not seen before in this century by january of 1989 the reagan bush economic program had created 19 million new jobs but with the longest peacetime expansion in american history starting to cool down president bush asked congress for new incentives to ignite the economy the president asked congress for investment tax credits for cutting the capital gains tax for enterprise zones for a five thousand dollar tax credit for first time home buyers and for an additional five hundred dollar per child exemption had congress said yes to these proposals a million and a half more americans would be at work today but the democrats said no [Music] and to break the back of the deficit before it broke the back of the economy george bush asked congress for a spending freeze for the line item veto for a balanced budget amendment to the constitution had congress said yes the deficit would be falling and mortgage interest rates would be below 6 percent today but the democrats said

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no to stop skyrocketing medical costs from driving working families to ruin president bush asked congress to reform health insurance to give the self-employed an insurance tax deduction to cap medicare and medicaid costs and to end the million-dollar malpractice suits that drive insurance rates out of reach if the democrats had said yes medical cost and health insurance cost would have stabilized but the democrats said no [Applause] to fight back against the drug thugs who pray off the health happiness and lives of our children 1 161 days ago today the president sent congress the nation's toughest anti-crime anti-drug bill it restored the federal death penalty under our bill no matter who your daddy is or how society's done you wrong if you sell drugs to a child you're going to jail and you're going to serve every day of 10 years the federal penitentiary and when you finally get out of prison if you do it again you're going back to prison and this time you're going back for life had congress said yes we would have grabbed the drug thugs by the throat but the democrats said no

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you see the democrats still blame society not criminals for crime and not content with just gutting the president's bill the democrats went on to overturn 22 supreme court decisions that had strengthened law enforcement that it empowered the cop on the beat to protect law-abiding citizens so bad was their bill that 15 state democrat attorneys general not to mention 16 republicans urged the president to veto the democrats pro-criminal bill america's problem today [Applause] america's problem today is not that the president's plan to energize the economy has failed our problem is that it has not been tried it is not that the president did not ask for change but that the democrats who run congress kill those changes the president asked for the tools to put our people back to work the president asked for the weapons to win back our streets and the democrats bent them and broke them and threw them away to paraphrase winston churchill give us the tools and we will finish the job give us a republican congress and we will put our people back to work and we will put criminals in jail where they belong democrats democrats and republicans agree on one thing we both want change the debate is not about who is for change it's

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is not about who is for change it's about the direction of the change today america stands at the crossroads it's time for choosing their way of more taxing or our way of more jobs their way of more government are our way of more opportunity the change republicans want today is to stop the growth of government to bring spending under control to balance the budget and to cut taxes again the change the democrats want is to go back to the tax and spend policies they gave us in the 1970s the last time there was a democrat in the white house did you notice did you notice that at the convention in new york the democrats hid their congressional leaders poor poor speaker tom foley and majority leader george mitchell were hidden so far back in the crowd that you had to press your nose right up against a tv screen and get out of magnifying glass to see them and you know why you know why governor clinton wants people to forget that the democrats run congress so he can blame every problem in government on george bush but if you needed a magnifying glass to see the democratic leaders of congress you needed a microscope to see the clinton plan which has been touted

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the clinton plan which has been touted before every special interest group in america and the reason is obvious the change that bill clinton has promised the special interest is not the change america wants it's a plan that only lobbyists and lawyers labor bosses and big city political machines could love the clinton plan calls for a new domestic spending spree totaling over a hundred billion dollars a year the largest increase in american history is that the change we want the clinton plan doubles payroll taxes and increases taxes on small business and family farms it is in fact the largest tax increase in american history is that the change we want the clinton plan through new taxes and mandated costs will eat up one half of all business profits private investment would collapse and millions of americans would lose their jobs is that the change we want the clinton plan repeals congressional spending limits kills the balanced budget amendment and sends the deficit up by a hundred billion dollars is that the change we want the clinton plan add up the spending add up the taxes add up the regulations add up the deficits is that the change we want at the new york convention clinton was like a used car salesman peddling his vehicle for change

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salesman peddling his vehicle for change the wax job was shiny the hubcap sparkled the upholstery was spotless the paint was new but when you look under the hood he's peddling a model from the 1970s a carter mobile with the axle broken and the frame bent to the left it was a lemon for the nation it was a lemon for the nation in the 1970s when it sent inflation through the roof and income through the floor and it is a lemon for america today when you look at the fine print the clinton plan calls for increases in spending and taxes greater than those promised by mondale and dukakis combined the american people rejected walter mondale the american people rejected michael dukakis and when the american people understand the clinton plan they're going to reject bill clinton too after 12 years after 12 years of governor clinton's failed leadership in arkansas his home state ranks

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in arkansas his home state ranks 50th in average family income 50th in jobs for young people 50th in environmental policy and 50th in law enforcement funding that's what 12 years of governor clinton's plan for change has done for arkansas that sorry record and a little slick rhetoric is the change that bill clinton offers america today but is that the change we want [Applause] thanks to the leadership of george bush freedom has swept the planet [Music] bill graham who is the keynote speaker here at this republican national convention in a speech that was uh not a stirring as many people had led us to believe john chancellor well one of the things he had a very tough line he said if jimmy carter had been reelected if walter mondale had won if michael dukakis had been elected the berlin wall would still be standing a lot of nonpartisan historians are just going to simply say flatly that probably is not true but it's politics the other thing that phil graham did was attach george bush very firmly to ronald reagan who did make a very stirring appearance here last night and to conjure up the memories of ronald reagan for the people not just in this hall but beyond as well well

that speech still has a good deal more to go we will be saying goodbye to you at this time reminding you we'll be back here tomorrow we want to make room now for the local news around the country i'm tom brokaw for john chancellor and the entire nbc news team this day two of the republican national convention but we will be back tomorrow with pbs first and then our nbc coverage today a nightly news toronto [Music] meet the damsel of death only on dateline nbc next tuesday

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